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|  | This update from the Review Steering Group (RSG) contains information on its work to improve community pharmacy contractor support and representation.In this update: Voting now open on RSG proposals; FAQs podcast and new clarification questions published; Pharmacy Business and C+D articles; contractor resources.Voting portal open: cast your vote nowAll contractors should have now received their unique link for the online voting portal from **takepart@cesvotes.com** to allow them to cast their vote on the proposals for the future of PSNC and LPCs. This has been sent to the shared NHSmail email inbox of each pharmacy premises, or to a nominated head office contact.The vote asks contractors to either accept or reject the proposals in their entirety. The ballot question is as follows: **Do you accept the proposals setting the direction for pharmacy representation?**Civica Election Services are managing and overseeing the vote and are also acting as Independent Scrutineer, to ensure the impartiality and integrity of the process. [**Read the RSG proposals**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=83e5828d5f&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Read the voting information**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a48712e395&e=d19e9fd41c) FAQs podcast and videoThe RSG has published a podcast (also available as a video) answering some of the most frequently asked questions about the RSG proposals from contractors. During the twenty-minute recording, RSG members Aneet Kapoor, Mark Burdon, and Stephen Thomas respond to questions including:  * How will the proposals make PSNC and the LPCs more accountable to contractors?
* What benefits will the RSG’s proposals bring for contractors?
* How will PSNC spend the additional monies diverted to it?And how will contractors be able to determine if this is good value?
* Some LPCs have already made lots of positive changes and local contractors find them very effective – why should these contractors vote for these proposals?

[**Listen to the FAQs podcast**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3cb37aa771&e=d19e9fd41c)[**Watch the FAQs video**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=594852a311&e=d19e9fd41c)**New clarification questions on the proposals published**The RSG has now published the answers to the third round of contractor questions on the [**proposals page**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=30f4a65313&e=d19e9fd41c) of the RSG website. These will continue to be published at the end of each week until the voting period has closed. Please submit your questions directly to the RSG via this [**form**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=074fb165c5&e=d19e9fd41c).  Pharmacy Business and C+D articles on RSGPharmacy Business Magazine has published an article from Aneet Kapoor who is an independent community pharmacy contractor in Greater Manchester, the former Chair of Greater Manchester LPC, and a member of the RSG.  In the article, Aneet reflects on the difficult task assigned to the RSG, and says that the proposals contractors are now being asked to vote on represent a positive way forward and a consensus. Aneet outlines what the proposals will do for contractors, as well as what they mean for PSNC and the LPCs. [**Read the article**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7610be44d9&e=d19e9fd41c)Chemist+Druggist have also this week published an interview with RSG Members Stephen Thomas and Mark Burdon.[**Read the article**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cc64045bbd&e=d19e9fd41c)Contractor resources**Upcoming national briefing event**To help contractors to understand the proposals, the RSG is holding a National Contractor Briefing Event on **Tuesday 7th June, from 7-9pm**. This event is an opportunity for contractors to hear directly from RSG members about the proposals and to ask them questions. [**Register for the event**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b37ce4d6ae&e=d19e9fd41c)**Proposals animations**Alongside [**reading the proposals**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=da764ce853&e=d19e9fd41c) and attending the June briefing event, we also recommend that contractors watch the two short animations that are available on the RSG website. These animations provide an overview of the proposals and outline the case for change which helped guide their creation.[**Watch the animations**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4377499094&e=d19e9fd41c)The RSG has also produced a third animation encouraging contractors to have their say by voting on its proposals. You can watch the animation [**here**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ecaa16fa00&e=d19e9fd41c). For more information about the RSG and its work, please visit: [**https://pharmacy-review.org/**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=62c3139aca&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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| Pharmacy Representation Review Steering Group (RSG)The Pharmacy Representation Review Steering Group (RSG) is taking forward work to improve community pharmacy contractor representation and support. |

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